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SUBJECT: US WITHDRAWAL FROM SAFED AND JCRR

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1. DEPARTMENT COMPLIMENTS ADCM ON ASTUTE HANDLING OF DISCUSSION WITH MOFA ON WITHDRAWAL FROM SINO-AMERICAN FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE AWAIT ROC COUNTER PROPOSAL ON MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR TERMINATING AGREEMENT.

2. IN VIEW OF PENDING CELEBRATION OF JCRR'S 30TH BIRTHDAY REPORTED IN REFTEL A, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE NOT TO DELAY UNTIL KYLE'S DEPARTURE CALLS VERBALLY INFORMING GROG OF OUR INTENTION NOT TO APPOINT HIS SUCCESSOR AS AMERICAN MEMBER OF JOINT COMMISSION ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION. VERBAL NOTIFICATION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY FORMAL NOTE AT
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TIME OF KYLE'S DEPARTURE INFORMING JCRR WE ARE GIVING SIX MONTHS NOTICE OF OUR INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM AGREEMENT.

3. IF, HOWEVER, AS EMBASSY PREDICTS, GROG PROPOSES THAT KYLE'S REPLACEMENT, MELVIN LEVINE, BE DESIGNATED COMMISSIONER FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, WE WOULD NOT OBJECT. LEVINE COULD SERVE, AS EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE,

EITHER THROUGH OCTOBER FESTIVITIES, OR DURING ENTIRE SIX MONTHS REMAINING OF JCRR'S EXISTENCE. THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SEEMS A PROPITIOUS TIME TO END LAST VESTIGES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN AID TO ROC. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THROUGHOUT THAT WITHDRAWAL IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OVERALL U.S. POLICY OF ENDING FORMAL AID LINKS WITH RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AID GRADUATE COUNTRIES.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON GROC REACTION AND ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PLANS FOR JCRR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. VANCE

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